

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended and claim 9 is canceled. In particular, claims 1 and 10 are amended to overcome alleged informalities. Claims 1 and 10 are not amended for patentability reasons. No new matter is added. Thus, claims 1-8 and 10 remain pending and at issue.

The applicants thank the examiner for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 1-8 and 10.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 10 are amended to overcome alleged informalities therein. As a result, the objection to claims 1-8 and 10 is moot. The applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-8 and 10 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-8 and 10.

35 U.S.C. § 101 and § 112 Rejections

Claim 9 is canceled rendering the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 or § 112 moot.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-8 and 10. The applicants respectfully submit that no new issues are raised by the amendments to the claims submitted herewith, as the amendments involve only minor formal matters and not matters of substance.

No fees are believed due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30845/40238. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any mater of form, in an effort to advance this application towards allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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